

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant(s): Roy Bates       | <b>FAX RECEIVED</b><br>MAY 01 2003 |
| Application No.: 09/931,921   |                                    |
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| Title: ELECTRIC MOTOR MUFFLER |                                    |
| Attorney Docket No.: HAMBE 10 |                                    |
| Group Art Unit: 2834          |                                    |
| Examiner: Thanh Lam           |                                    |

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 25, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 7, 8 and 12.